

Group Conscience Business Meeting Minutes

Serenity of the Woodlands

March 22, 2021

Opening/Updates:

Meeting Chair: Ginny M

Opened at 7:09 with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer.

Secretary: Carol W

Addendum to February 22 Meeting Minutes:

Copies of the February 22 minutes were posted on the group web site, distributed electronically, and provided on paper prior to the meeting. Upon review of the minutes, a correction was made to change March 22 to February 22 on the summary of the GSR report.

A question has been raised concerning the accuracy of the record regarding the paint color discussion, motions, and votes, during the 2/22 meeting. A review by the currently serving Serenity officers formed the consensus that AA guidelines for group conscience decisions were not followed, which resulted in confusion during the meeting. Motions were made prematurely, before a full discussion of the options took place, and there was no substantial unanimity. It was the sense of the group at the time that the decision should be tabled to a later date, to allow for further research by the ad hoc committee. The group voted to approve the minutes with the date change to the GSR report.

A copy of the minutes is available for all to view on the SerenityWoodlands.com website and in the Secretary's binder.

Treasurer: Greg B and Crystal B

Greg B (in the room) presented the Monthly Treasurer Report for February of 2021. Copies of the report were distributed to the members in attendance. The report was reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote. A copy of the report is available for all to view on the SerenityWoodlands.com website and in the Secretary's binder.

GSR: Susan B

Susan (online) attended the GSR meeting for District 31 on March 20. The GSR Report was sent to the Group Conscience via email and paper copies were distributed at the meeting. Of note was the announcement that prisons and jails are now open for AA Members to visit and carry the message. Also, of note was the announcement that Susan is stepping down from the position of GSR. Our alternate GSR is unable to serve in the position. This leaves the GSR position open. A copy of the report is available for all to view on the SerenityWoodlands.com website and in the Secretary's binder. Email Susan with any questions to millyluv@gmail.com

Literature: Lizzy R

Lizzy (in the room) had nothing new to report. Copies of literature purchase receipts were made available at the in-room meeting for review.

Grapevine: Eddie M

Eddie (online) reported that more information will be coming after the Seta convention on April 10. Eddie will attend and update the group after April 10

CPC Rep: Kristi N

Not in attendance, no report.

Website/Communications: Larry B and Scott S:

Larry reported (online) that the new website is available to preview at www.dev.serenitywoodlands.com. Next meeting, Group Conscience will vote on switching over to the new design before the new website goes live.

Group Reps: Tom H and Doug C

Doug was unable to attend the meeting last month. Tom was out of town but communicated with Jim G. Jim G reported to Tom that the club voted to not require members to wear masks inside the building per the orders of Governor Greg Abbot. However, the club strongly encourages members to wear masks and to follow Covid safety protocol guidelines.

Serenity Online Team (SOT): Ron K and Crystal B

The following report given by Ron K via email communication:

- 1) Online attendance is consistent through mid-March at 35+ average attendees per meeting.
- 2) Automated email feature added in March for people needing a letter of meeting attendance.
- 3) Other items in process include online speaker meetings and a bulletin board for the room.

Old Business

- Carol reported that MailChimp has been launched and the first email campaign was sent successfully.
- Arthur reported that the in-room 9:30 PM candlelight meeting is suspended until further notice.
- Ginny reminded the group that the issue of colors for painting the club has been tabled until the club is ready to hire the painters. If anyone is interested in participating in the ad-hoc committee to select paint colors, contact Ginny M.

New Business

- Carol and Ginny reported that the topic of how our group conscience meetings are conducted should be discussed and perhaps a specific format adopted. All group members were invited to attend a virtual workshop presented by Houston Intergroup on March 27; "The AA Home Group," to learn more on this topic.
- Members and Trusted Servants are encouraged to bring forth any information on the Serenity Group customs of running our business meetings. Ginny, Carol, and Scott have met with some of our Elder Statesmen to gather any information and documentation that is available on the history of our group customs. Group members will meet to further work on this topic.
- Spring Fling: Troy G suggested that our group should start planning our annual Spring Fling in May. If this event can take place, it will be at a local park. It was discussed that depending on local Covid safety protocol, this even may or may not take place. However, it was agreed that planning should start. More will be shared by Troy at next month's GC meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 after the reading of The Responsibility Statement. Next business meeting to be held Monday, April 19, at 7:05 PM.